

# Multiple-Meaning Words

**Directions:** Use context to determine the correct definition of each multiple-meaning word, shown in bold.

- Write the word's part of speech and the context clues that helped you.
- Then, circle the definition that **best** matches the word.

1. I set the bags of groceries down on the kitchen **counter**.

*Part of Speech:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Context Clues:* \_\_\_\_\_

- a. a marker in a board game
- b. to oppose
- c. a surface similar to, but higher than, a table
- d. a person or machine that keeps track of numbers

2. The cat curled up in her basket, which was warming in front of the **fire**.

*Part of Speech:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Context Clues:* \_\_\_\_\_

- a. to dismiss someone from a job
- b. to inspire someone
- c. to light fuel with a match or flint
- d. flames that give off light and heat

3. Won't anyone **second** the motion for a voice vote?

*Part of Speech:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Context Clues:* \_\_\_\_\_

- a. to assist or support
- b. to support a suggestion in a meeting
- c. between first and third in a series
- d. one-sixtieth of a minute

4. Gerda, high on the ladder, asked Mi Won to **hand** the light bulb up to her.

*Part of Speech:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Context Clues:* \_\_\_\_\_

- a. palm, fingers, and thumb
- b. a round of applause
- c. to give someone something
- d. assistance

5. A **fair** judge will always hear both sides of a disagreement.

*Part of Speech:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Context Clues:* \_\_\_\_\_

- a. impartial
- b. an outdoor festival
- c. light or pale in color
- d. beautiful